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TOPIC Soviet Motor Park in BRESLAU, Silesia

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REMARKS

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1. A Soviet motor pool was located in the premises of the former "Friesseke & Hoepfner" aircraft radio engineering plant, BRESLAU-POLANOVIC (P 52/C 41).

A plant in LIEGNITZ (O 52/B 82) was attached to the motor pool. Slugs for pistons were received from GREMSDORF (O 52/B 53).

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2. Soviet Maj KOPANCHIK was chief, and Capt ZORSTSKI deputy chief, of the motor pool. Two Soviet engineers were also employed there.

3. The work force was composed of more than three hundred German PWs, about 120 German civilian workmen from BRESLAU, about 120 Soviet civilians and some Poles. Soviet military personnel had been withdrawn from the motor pool in 1947.

4. the guard personnel for the German PWs were detached from Soviet Army units stationed in BRESLAU. The guard personnel were exchanged at irregular intervals. All of them wore red epaulets. They were between 17 and 25 years of age and came from the European part of the Soviet Union, many from the Ukraine.

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5. a. The motor pool was assigned to the general overhauling of trucks. Lamps, stop lights and jacks have been produced there on an increasing scale since 1948. The following are the monthly figures of trucks which were overhauled in the motor pool: 240 to 280 trucks in 1947  
120 to 180 trucks in 1948  
120 to 140 trucks in 1949.

b. The work performed in 1947 was of low quality. Most of the trucks repaired at that time were shipped to the Soviet Union. Since 1948, however, the trucks have been picked up at the motor pool by units of the "Soviet Army in LIEGNITZ". Troops wearing red and black epaulets and troops of the Soviet Air Force were observed.

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6. The trucks which were overhauled in the motor pool were mostly [redacted] "ZIS-5" [redacted] makes, and some of "Wheelly" make. [redacted]

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7. After being repaired, each motor vehicle was sprayed with green paint. [redacted]

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8. The personnel of the motor pool had to work overtime in March 1949 to complete the repair work on 80 [redacted] "G43" trucks. The trucks were picked up by Soviet soldiers and driven to the BASSIAU-KAZOVIC RA station. It was said that they were needed by a Soviet unit which was to leave the BRSSIAU post.

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b. The statement that units of the "Soviet Army in Lithuania" have picked up trucks at the motor pool since 1948 may be considered a credible, though not concrete, confirmation of the location in Lithuania of a high Soviet headquarters (HQ of the Northern Group of Forces).

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